Evaluating NYSSMA Trumpet Solos Options

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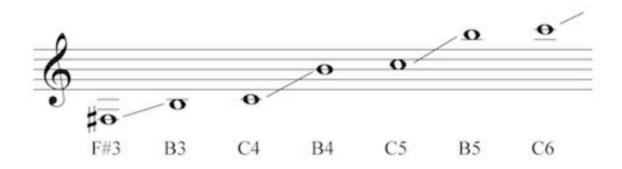


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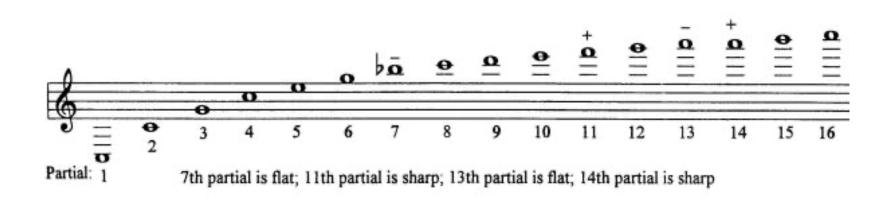
- Musical appeal
- Appropriateness (contest, development, auditions)
- Technical Considerations
 - Range
 - Rhythms
 - Articulations (single, double, triple)
 - Style



Pitch Designation



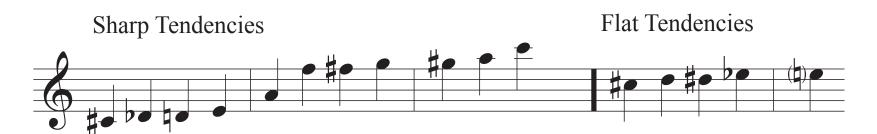
Partials



Partials/ "Break"

Inherent intonation flaws of the trumpet.

- In general, the 7th harmonic is never played because it is extremely flat (too low)
- Most notes in the 6th harmonic tend to be sharp
- Most notes in the 5th harmonic tend to be flat



Classical Concertos Haydn, Hummel, Neruda

*I personally do not encourage high school students and even a good amount of my freshmen to play these concertos until they are ready to perform the level of finesse and ability to play in the upper tessitura for extended phrases.

- Generally played on Eb tpt.
 - Smaller trumpet making making the pitches move into lower partials
 - Smaller bell creating a lighter sound and articulation
 - Tends to have more intonation issues



Haydn - Concerto (L6)

- Written in 1796 for newly developed keyed trumpet in Eb
- Generally today played on Eb trumpet. Younger players will not have the experience necessary for the different instrument.
- NYSSMA requires any two movements. Suggest I and II
- Tessitura lays quite high at times, reaching up to concert Db above high C in the first movement, and as such requires great control and ease of tone production, especially in order to keep within the Classical style.
- Double Tonguing (I and III)
- Intervallic Issues esp. in the 3rd
- Trills/turns in the 3rd movement can be troublesome
- 2nd movement works well on Bb for college auditions



Hummel – Concerto (L6)

- NYSSMA requires any two movements. Suggest I and II
- Also performed on the Eb trumpet, this piece is quite a bit more challenging than Haydn's trumpet concerto
- Larger interval leaps for longer phrases
- More difficult double tongue passages. (K syllable going up in the theme in movement III)
- Phrases that go through the full register of the instrument quickly
- Quick turns in the third movement



Neruda – Concerto (L6)

- It is played on the Eb trumpet. it is somewhere between the Haydn and Hummel in difficulty.
- NYSSMA requires the full concerto
- Endurance is usually an issue with playing in the upper tessitura for long phrases.



- Tomofei Dokshizer is the standard recording to study
- Full concerto is required by NYSSMA (nothing is stated about the written cadenza)
- Fairly idiomatic, flashy (double), great melodies
- Range: A3-B5



- Double tonguing
 - tempo QN = 132-144
- Main theme troublesome dt passages





Longer dt passages that can be troublesome



Endurance

- 15:30, long phrases/sections
- Phrases that cover the full range of the instrument
- Intervallic jumps
- Cadenza can be a taxing because of the long build
- Long passages without opportunity to rest



- Style period: 20th century
- Three movements (NYSSMA requirement movement 1 or 3; I recommend 1)
 - I. Mit Kraft (Power. Forcefulness) 5:15
 - II. Mässig bewegt-Lebhaft (Energy. Humor) 2:15
 - III. Trauermusik. Alle Menschen müssen sterben (Funeral Music. Music of Mourning) 8:30
- Range C#4/Db4 B5 (not really an issue except for endurance because of the long builds and loud dynamics)
- Meter type: simple, compound
- "atonal" atmosphere
 - chromatic melodies and harmonies
 - contrapuntal melodies
 - tonal implications are present, but they change quickly and often so unexpectedly
- Movement 1 tempo debate
 - Schott's newer print QN = 96-100 vs. Schott's older print HN = 96-100
- Extremely demanding accompaniment



Endurance

- long phrases at both loud and soft dynamics
- chromatic melodies and non-diatonic harmonies can cause centering issues for students
- melodies are often disjunct and unpredictable in their direction.
- slowest movement appears last; physical stamina to perform the closing chorale with reaching the climax is challenging



• Little double (1st movement) and triple tonguing (2nd movement) required



- Changes from simple to compound keeping the same pulse (quarter = dotted quarter).
- Alternating between double and triple rhythms (dotted 8th/16th, triplet)



Kent Kennan – Sonata (L6)

- Two versions
 - 1956 (original)
 - 1986 (some meter changes and omission of measures to help with reality and endurance)
- NYSSMA required movement 1 or 2 and 3)
- Mid 20th Century style. Rhythmic, disjunct melodies, extremes of dynamic
- Range A#3/Bb3-C6
- Meter type simple, compound
- Length 15:00
- opening movement good for college audition



Kent Kennan – Sonata (L6)

Multiple tonguing is isolated.

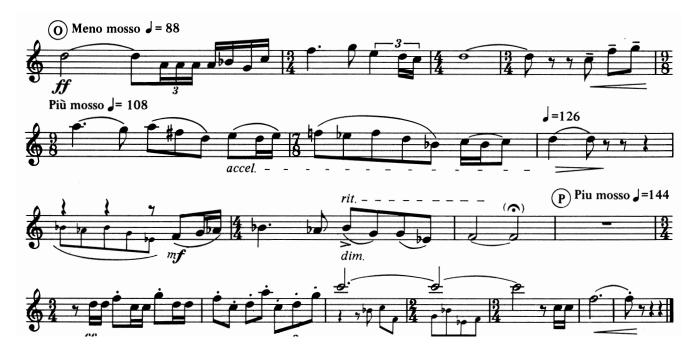


Finger dexterity in the first movement



Kent Kennan – Sonata (L6)

Endurance can be an issue. Especially end of the 1st



Flor Peeters – Sonata Op. 51 (L6)

- Published 1961
- Three movements (NYSSMA requires all three) 12:20
 - I Allegro, 4:18
 - II Aria, 3:30
 - III Finale (Toccata), 4:20
 - *I personally believe playing all three movements is a lot and that just movements I or III would be good enough.
- Middle movement is adapted from an organ piece written by Peeters.
- Meter types: Simple, Compound
- Style: 20th Century but conservative harmonically
- Range G3-C6 (range sits in a pretty good area, just some large leaps at times)
- Overall the piece requires light articulation



Flor Peeters – Sonata Op. 51 (L6)

- Strong multiple tonguing
 - Triple tongue in the first movement with large leaps to follow
 - Quick articulated lines in the first and third movements, double tongue towards the end of the first
- Strong finger dexterity is needed for several passages



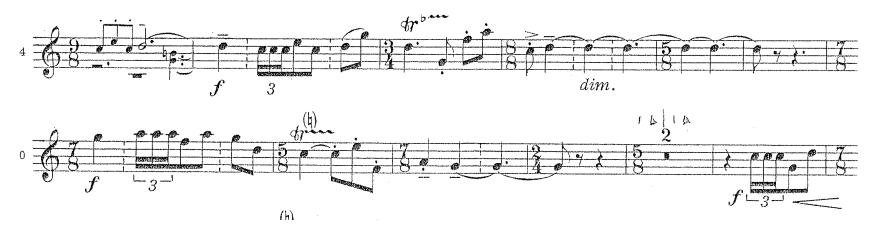




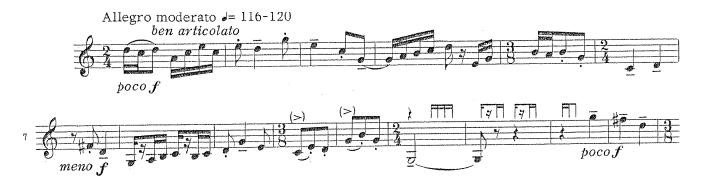
- Published 1959
- NYSSMA requires movements 1 or 2&3
- Meter types: Simple, Compound
- Dynamics: pp ff
- Meter and complex rhythms can be problematic
- The third movement especially contains complex rhythms in a lilting, dance- like mixed meter.



Rhythm example from movement III



- Range G3 D6
 - First movement opening low Gs can be troublesome
 - End of both the first and third movements require a climatic D6 to be played



- Tonguing: Single, Double, Triple
 - First movement mm. 120-123 require quick articulations with leaps in partials 5, 6, and 8. (flat and sharp partials)



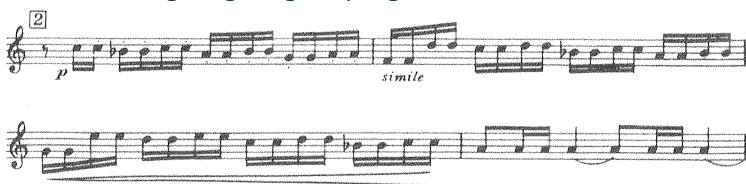
Alexander Goedicke – Concert Etude Op. 49 (L5)

- Published 1946 (Bb trumpet, Brass Press edition included a C trumpet part)
- Range B3-A#5/Bb5
- Meter: Simple
- Length 4:00
- Dynamics go with the contour of the line
- A few passages are a little tricky for the fingers.
- Suggestion: Students will have success if they start the piece slowly, making sure the articulations (and fingerings) are correct. Once everything is in place, increasing the tempo.
- This is a standard work for trumpet. It is also fun to play.



Alexander Goedicke – Concert Etude Op. 49 (L5)

Double tonguing in groupings of twos



• Students have a tendency to compress the slurred 8th to two 16th note phrases



Joseph Turrin – Caprice (L₅)

- Published 1978
- For Bb or C trumpet
 - C trumpet part is more idiomatic (finger dexterity, range)
- Length 5:00
- Range B3-C#6/Db6 (Bb trumpet)
- No multiple tonguing
- Strong finger dexterity is required for this piece.
- The piece is in simple time but eighth note triplets are heavily used.
- Endurance
 - Tessitura: The highest pitches come at climactic moments and the very end. C#6 is does not sit well on the trumpet.
- A very exciting piece. Playing the fast sections smoothly is a challenge. This
 piece has become standard repertoire for trumpet players.







Joseph Barat - Andante et Scherzo (L5)

- Published 1926
- Bb or C trumpet
- Range: A3 C#6/Db6 (Bb trumpet)
- Meter: Simple, Compound
- Length: 6:00
- Double tonguing required. Scalar
- Stylistic note: The scherzo should have a light feel with resonance in all 16th notes, not clipped.
- A standard contest piece. Provides a challenge for high school players without being overly difficult.



Joseph Barat - Andante et Scherzo (L5)

 Endurance/tessitura: The opening, ending, and some of the scherzo spend a majority of the time in the 5,6,8 partials



Joseph Barat - Andante et Scherzo (L5)

Some larger leaps in the scherzo



Handel/Bernard Fitzgerald – Aria con Variazioni (L5)

- NYSSMA requirement: theme and any 4 variations
- Published 1953
- Range: A3-B5
- Meter: simple, compound (Var. IV)
- Length: 5:40
- No multiple tonguing
- Baroque style
- If range is an issue, have the student play the theme, var I, II, III, IV. Two does go up to a B but has a scale leading up to it unlike variation V



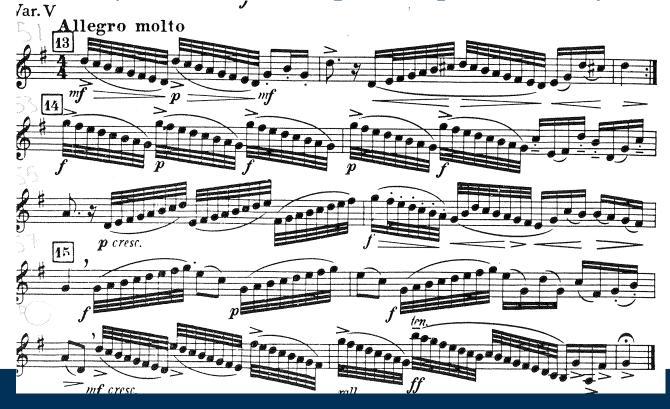
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 The 24/16 meter looks daunting but uses the same tempo as the previous variation but changes the rhythm to sixteenth-note triplets.



Handel/Bernard Fitzgerald – Aria con Variazioni (L5)

Good piece for working on finger dexterity





Bernard Fitzgerald – Gaelic Suite (L5)

- Three movements 8:45
 - Procession
 - Elegy
 - Gigue
- Published 1979
- This is a relatively easy piece but effective. It can be fun to play if the student has an understanding what to do musically.
- Range: D4-A5
- Meter: simple (I, II), compound (III)
- Length 8:45
- No multiple tonguing
- Gaelic (or Celtic) elements in the work melodically, rhythmically, and harmonically.
- Movement II has grace notes in the melody. These should be long and can be before the beat or on the beat. One finds examples of both in Gaelic music.
- Movement III has many phrases with staccato eighth notes. These should still be played full value.



Bernard Fitzgerald – Gaelic Suite (L5)

- Students tend to clip the 8ths and 16ths in the opening of movement I
- Movement I exposes a lot of flat pitches because of sustains in partial 5



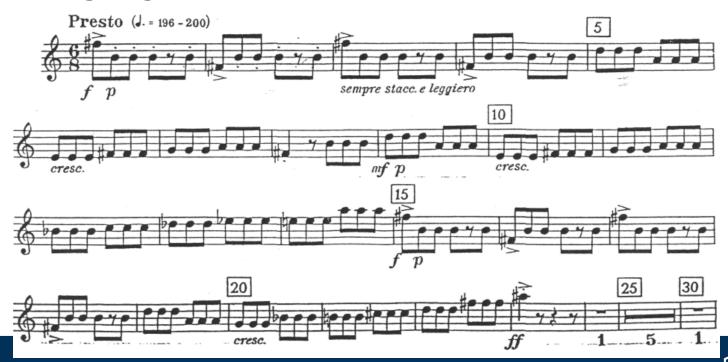
William Latham – Suite (L5)

- Three movements (NYSSMA requires any 2)
 - I. Prelude
 - II. Air
 - III. Dance
- Published 1955
- Range: A3 C6, Tessitura is mainly on the staff
- Meter: Simple (1 and II), Compound (III)
- Challenging pitch wise. Atonality, disjunct melodies. Uses tone rows and contains disjunct melodic lines.
- Double and triple tonguing (III) used. If looking to avoided triple tongue, performing first two movements.
- First movement especially is good for introducing atonal music and the use of rows. First and third movements have very difficult accompaniments if using piano



William Latham – Suite (L5)

 Third movement can be used for exposer to triple tonguing.



Handel/Frank Clark – Honor and Arms (L4)

- Length 6:00
- Baroque solo
- Range: A3 F5, Comfortable range
- Tessitura: primarily written on the staff with some exploration of the low register
- Longest phrases without a breath is 4 to 5 measures
- Tuneful lyrical melodies
- Good for developing flexibility. Some larger leaps in slurred passages.











Alan Hovhaness – Prayer of Saint Gregory (L4)

- Published 1952
- Range: F#4/Gb4 B5
- Tessitura: mainly partials 4-8 (can be tiering for those who do not play in the center of the horn)
- Simple meter
- Length 4:30
- Mainly louder dynamics, nothing marked under a forte
- Through composed. Develops the same thematic material throughout the piece.
- Very lyric legato, and sustained throughout
- Good for featuring a strong full sound.
- A beautiful piece. It doesn't show off multiple facets of the soloist which makes it a questionable for a contest selection.



Prayer of Saint Gregory



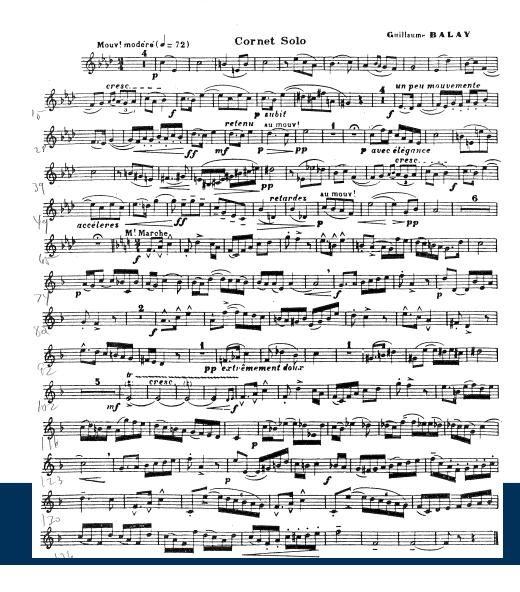


Guillaume Balay – Petite Piece Concertate (L4)

- Published 1962
- Range: C4-G5
- Meter: Simple
- Length 3:40
- Dynamics pp-ff
- Slow (elegant and lyrical) and fast section (light articulate march)
- double tonguing is optional if the student can single tongue quick enough (QN = 100-120)
- This piece teaches lyrical playing, light articulations, march style, light articulation, and passages that cover more than one octave.
- Two sextuple slurred passages towards the end (m.132, m.134)
- Some syncopation
- French contest piece, very musical



PETITE PIÈCE CONCERTANTE





Guillaume Balay – Andante et Allegretto (L4)

- Published 1969
- Fun to play and good for students who are not comfortable with multiple tonguing, but are advanced musically.
- Requires decent finger dexterity
- Meters: simple, compound (could cause counting problems for students not used to compound time)
- Range: Bb3 G5
- Length 4:20
- Sextuplet passages towards the end
- French contest piece



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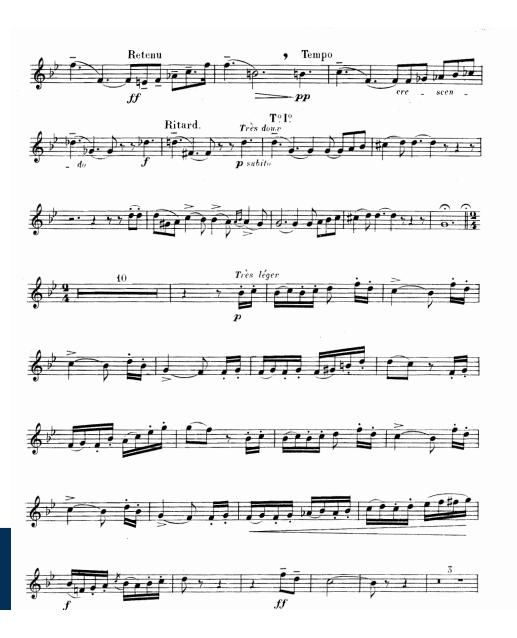
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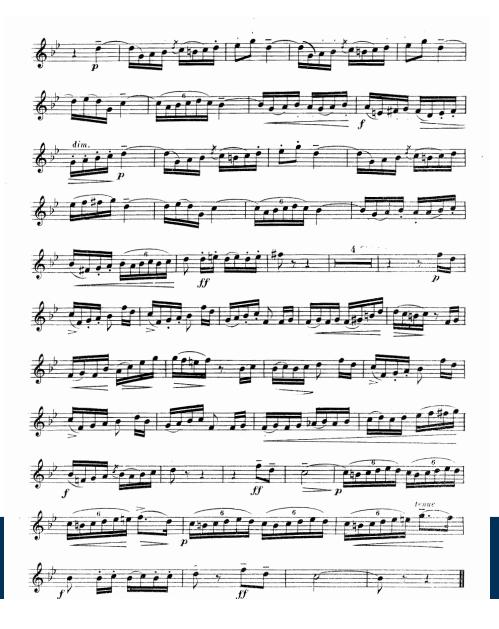
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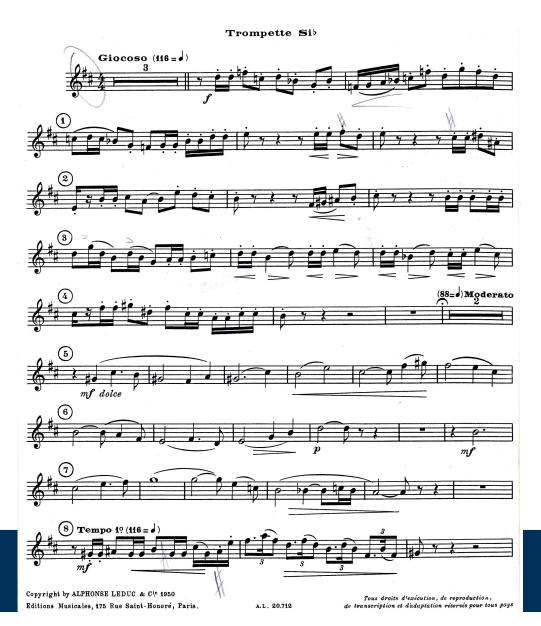




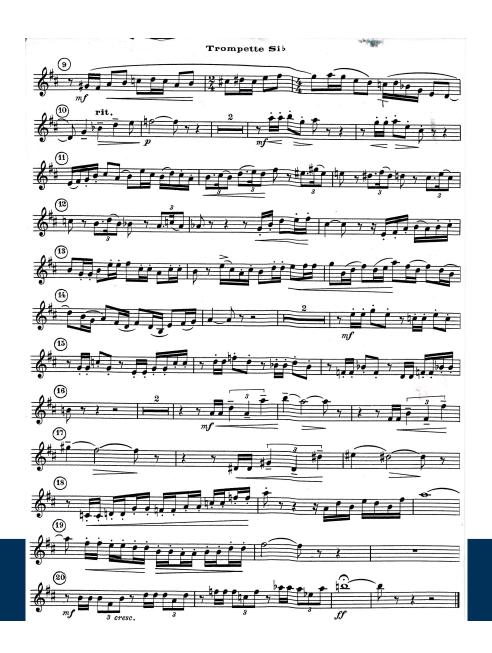
Eugene Bozza – Badinage (L4)

- Published 1950
- Bb or C trumpet
- Range: B3 B5 (Bb)
- Meter: simple
- Alternates between duplet and triplet rhythms (This can be a challenge; rehearsal 8 and 11)
- Length: 2:50
- Single and double tonguing
- Light articulation required
- Must have good time for all the little rest that the piano fills in.
- Shows off technique (multiple tongue, fluidness throughout range)











Gordon Young – Contempora Suite (L3)

- Four movements (NYSSMA requires any 1 movement)
 - Prelude (lyrical, dotted quarter notes, little rest, range G4 G5) 1:25
 - Allemande (articulate, scalar and most leaps are by 3rds, one octave leap, incorporates accents, G4–G5) 1:00
 - Sarabande (lyrical slurred, mostly scalar, m7 leap up, rallentando, range D3-E5) 1:30
 - Gigue (compound meter, requires quick light single tongue, A4 to A4 octave leaps, leaps by P4ths, range G3-A5) 1:00
- Published 1956





Contempora Suite

Cornet or Trumpet in Bb

GORDON YOUNG A.S.C.A.P.



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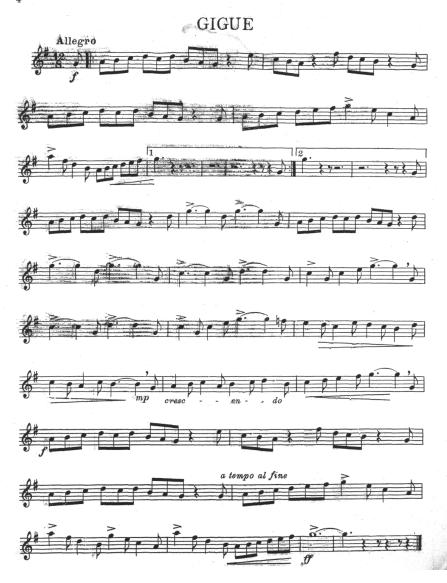


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SARABANDE







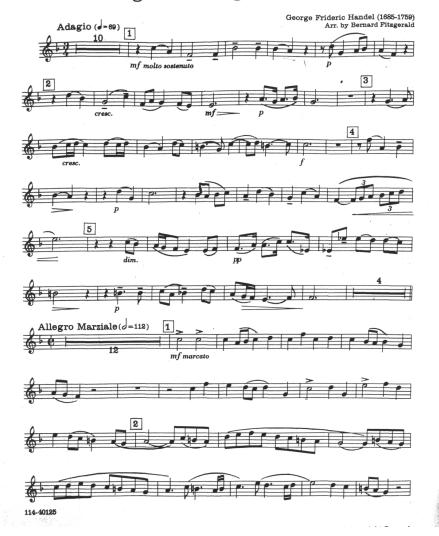
Handel/Bernard Fitzgerald – Adagio and Allegro Marziale (L3)

- Two movements: (NYSSMA requires all movements played)
 - Adagio 2:30
 - Allegro 4:00
- Published 1967
- Range: E4 G5
- Meter: simple
- Baroque style
- Incorporates 8th note triplets, dotted 8th 16ths
- Leaps up to an octave (F3 F4)



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Adagio and Allegro Marziale





Adagio D.C. al Fine 114-40125



Vander Cook – Centaurus (L3)

- Mostly scalar and some chromaticism
- Has a small cadenza
- March with a trio.
- Length: 4:20
- Range: D3 G5
- Terms: "bold", "faster", "slower", Moderato, Coda, rit.
- Use of dotted 8th 16th, dotted quarter note 8th
- Good musical piece with contrasting styles (march, trio)



CENTAURUS





Vander Cook – Starling (L2)

- Published 1942
- B3-C5 Simple: meter
- Length: 3:00
- Dynamics p-f
- Key change at trio.
- Good for beginning players who need to work on syncopation. Dotted quarter and dotted eighth note syncopations throughout the piece.
- Uses sequences throughout.



Mendez – Lullaby (L2)

• Published 1956

Meter: compound

• Range: C3-G5

Lyrical, mostly slurred



Lullaby

No. 7 from the collection Gems





Mendez – Blue Waves (L2)

- Published 1959
- Meter: simple
- Two sections (A, B trio, A)
- Range: D3-G5
- Slurs and articulation
- Terms used: trio, poco piu mosso, pocco rall. Tempo primo, rit.



Blue Waves

No. 5 from the collection Gems





Smith - Bouree in the Style of Handel (L2)

- Published: 1965
- Three sharps, add several sharps and uses an E-sharp
- Range: D#3-F#5
- No rest (endurance)
- 8th note passages that have leaps of 4ths and 3rds



Bourrée in the style of Handel





Cook – Altair (L2)

- Meter: Compound and simple
- Range: C4-F5
- More dynamics markings than pervious level II pieces
- Syncopation
- Incorporates more stylistic markings
- · Rit. Accel.



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Progressive Etudes for Cornet or Trumpet

VANDER COOK





Clarke - Trumpet Voluntary (L2)

- Baroque style
- Range: E4-A5
- Trills can be troublesome
- Sits in the upper tessitura a fair amount of the time
- · Ritardando at the end



Trumpet Voluntary

TRUMPET, (CORNET, BARITONE &)

(formerly attributed to Henry Purcell)





Fitzgerald - English Suite (Prelude) (L2)

- NYSSMA required just the Prelude
- Publish 1955
- Length: 2:00
- Range: F4-F5
- Contains 16th rest on the beat followed by 16ths. Dotted 8th 16th, dotted quarter 8th.
- Tuneful, based on Rule Britannia



Bb Trumpe (or Cornet)

Prelude

(Rule Britannia - British Grenadiers)





Printed in U.S.A.

Rameau/Dishnger - Rigaudon 1724 (L1)

Published: 1986

• Range: B3-D5

• Length: 2:00

Meter: simple

Baroque style

Rhythms: 8ths, quarters, dotted half

 Students should try to make the the staccatos ring and play the tenuto markings.



Trumpet

RIGAUDON from "Pieces de Clavecin, 1724"

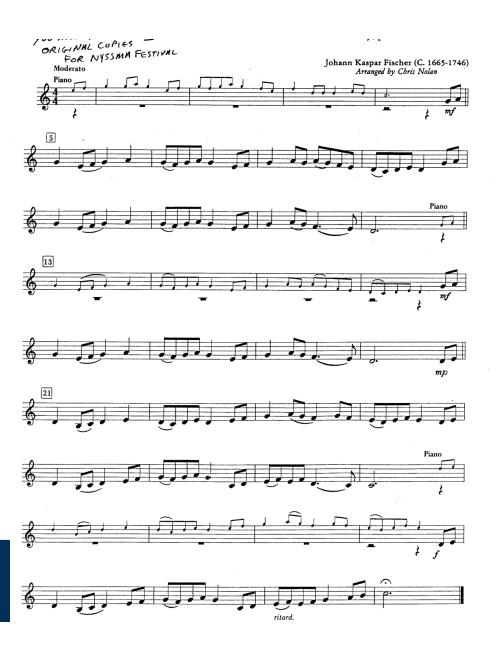




Fischer/Chris Nolan - Rigaudon

- Range: B3-C5
- More 8th notes than Rigaudon 1724
- Meter: simple
- Slur three notes at times
- Has ritardando
- Baroque style
- Dotted quarter to 8th, dotted half



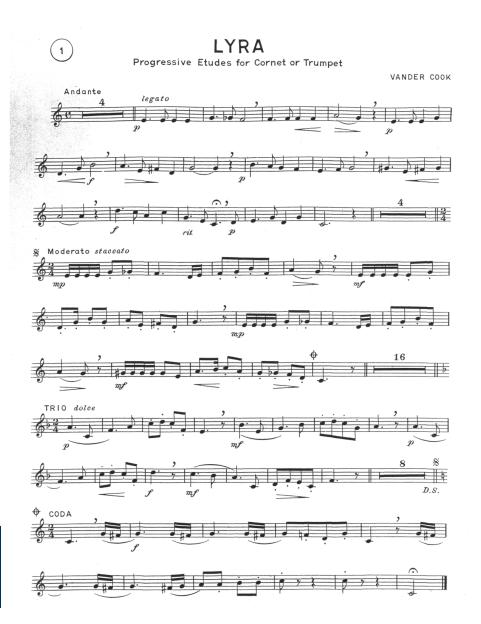




Vander Cook – Lyra (L1)

- Published 1938
- Range C4-D5
- Meter: simple
- Length: 3:30
- Dynamics: P-f
- Modulates to subdominant in trio.
- dotted quarter and dotted eighth, some syncopation
- Lyric opening followed more rhythmic moderato
- From the Vandercook Trumpet Stars series. Good solos for developing players.







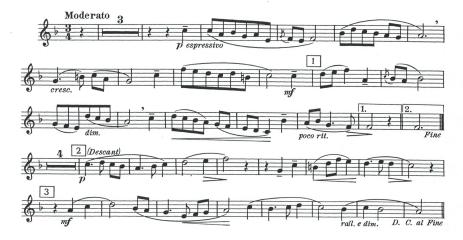
Fitzgerald - English Suite (any but Prelude) (L1)

- NYSSMA Required any movement but the Prelude
- All British folk songs
- II Aria, moderato, lyrical, dotted quarter, has grace notes, simple meter range E3-F5, 2:12
- III. Pastoral (Greensleeves), compound meter, dotted eighth, range D3-F5, 3:00
- IV. Andante, simple meter, dotted quarter, range E3-F5, 2:15
- V. Finale, compound meter, tempo change and style, D3-E5, 1:30



II Aria

(My Lovely Celia)



III Pastoral (Greensleeves)

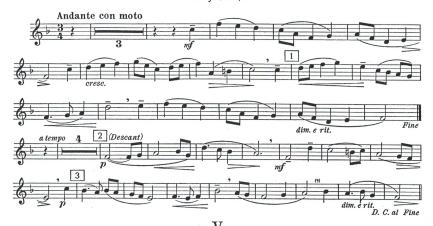




Bb Trumpet (or Cornet) IV

Andante

(Polly Oliver)



Finale

(Begone Dull Care - The Jolly Miller)





Thank you!

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